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Human Services

COMMISSIONER
James R. Hine

August 29, 2003

To: Community Care for the Aged And Disabled (CCAD)
Primary Home Care (PHC) Consumer Directed Services (CDS) Providers

Subject: Long Term Care (LTC)
Information Letter No. 03-22
Fiscal Year 2004 Reimbursement Rates for Primary Home Care (PHC)
Consumer Directed Services (CDS)

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved rate changes for
Primary Home Care (PHC) Consumer Directed Service (CDS) effective September 1,
2003. The new rates are included on the attached Reimbursement Rate chart.

The proposed state fiscal year (SFY) 2004 and 2005 payment rates (effective
September 1, 2003 and September 1, 2004) incorporate provisions in House Bill (HB) 1
regarding the appropriations for community programs for SFY 2004 and 2005 and
HHSC Appropriations Rider 46. HHSC Appropriations Rider 46 requires that reductions
to any long term care budget strategy shall be calculated without rebasing of current
reimbursement rates and shall be shared equally across all Medicaid providers funded
by the strategy. As a result, proposed payment rates for community-based programs
have been reduced by 1.1 percent.

All claims for services delivered on or after September 1, 2003 will be processed using
the new payment rates. Claims submitted by the provider for any services delivered on
or after September 1, 2003 should be prepared using the new rates.

Please call your contract manager if you have any other questions. Contract Managers
should contact Sarah Hambrick at (512) 438-2578 if they have any questions.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

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Long Term Care Services

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Attachment

Primary Home Care (PHC)
Consumer Directed Services (CDS)

Payment Rates Effective September 1, 2003

Priority Level	Client Portion	Provider Portion	Total Rate
Non-Priority	$7.48	$0.99	$8.47
Priority	$9.03	$0.99	$10.02